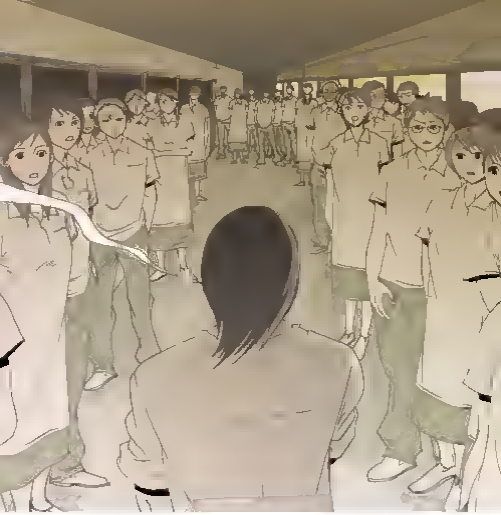

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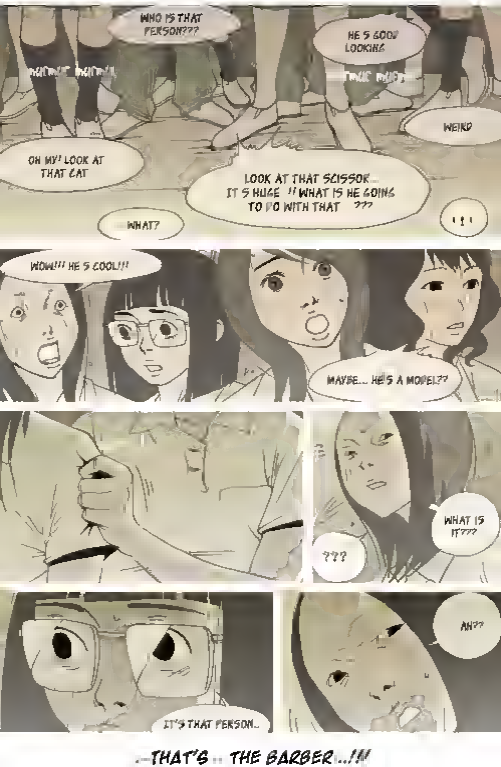
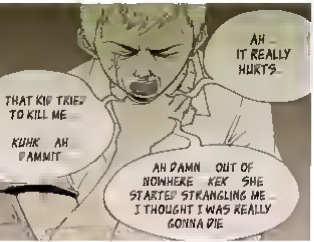

WHO IS THAT PERSON???
HE'S GOOD LOOKING
WEIRD
OH MY! LOOK AT THAT CAT
LOOK AT THAT SCISSOR... IT'S HUGE !! WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO WITH THAT ???
WHAT?
!!!
WOW!!! HE'S COOL!!!
MAYBE... HE'S A MODEL??
WHAT IS IT???
???
AH??
IT'S THAT PERSON..
...THAT'S.. THE BARBER..!!!

HOW DID SHE GET TO THIS STATE?


AH... IT REALLY HURTS...
THAT KID TRIED TO KILL ME...
KUHK... AH DAMMIT...
AH DAMN... OUT OF NOWHERE... KEK... SHE STARTED STRANGLING ME... I THOUGHT I WAS REALLY GONNA DIE...

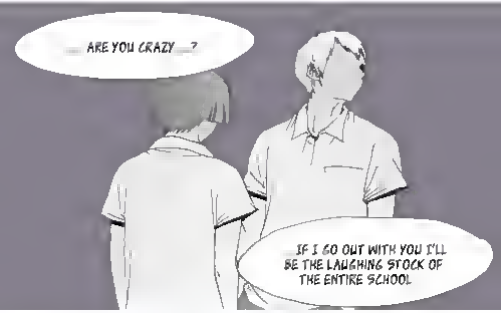
...A FEW DAYS AGO I LET HER BORROW MY REFERENCE BOOKS... OKAY?

BUT AFTER THAT, SHE KEPT TRYING TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH ME...

AND THEN SUDDENLY TODAY... SHE ASKED ME TO COME OUT AND THEN GAVE ME A LETTER...

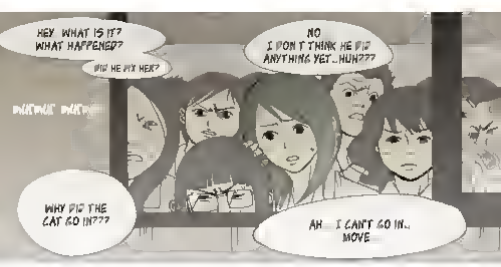
SO I ASKED HER RIGHT THERE... "DO YOU LIKE ME???" AND THEN SHE STARTED TO HESITATE...

SO THEN I JUST TOLD HER THAT I DIDN'T LIKE HER... AND THEN SUDDENLY HER EYES OPENED AND...


ARE YOU CRAZY...?
IF I GO OUT WITH YOU I'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL

PLEASE GET ME THE REPORT CARD
AND BEST FRIENDS OF THIS CHILD

...RIGHT NOW...


HEY WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED?
DID HE PEE HERE?
NO I DON'T THINK HE DID ANYTHING YET...HUH???
WHY DID THE CAT GO IN???
AH... I CAN'T GO IN... MOVE...

...
TELL ME... THE GOOD POINTS
OF THIS KID.....
...E...EXCUSE ME???
G...GOOD POINTS???
Has good relationships with her peers
HEY.... YOU TELL HIM....
...EHH... HER GOOD POINTS...
SO LET'S SEE... SHE'S REALLY NICE
YES, THAT'S RIGHT... SHE'S NICE...
...WELL... SHE'S VERY KIND HEARTED
AH!! THAT'S RIGHT!! SHE'S VERY GOOD AT TAKING CARE OF OTHERS! LIKE AN OLDER SISTER...
AH, YEAH, THAT'S TRUE!! SHE'S REALLY GOOD AT TAKING CARE OF OTHERS!!

!
KYAK!!!
KU ..EK
WAIT A SEC
shk..

SH WK!
KYAAAAAAAK
Hwk!
Lick
NOW LET'S SEE
Sizzle
WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE

WHY... DID YOU DO THAT...?

I— JUST WANTED TO KILL HIM— THAT JERK—
I FINALLY BUILT UP THE COURAGE TO TELL HIM MY FEELINGS—
— BUT HE TREATS ME LIKE THAT—

MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW YOUR GOOD POINTS...?

K ..KUH.. WHAT? GOOD POINTS??? THERE'S NO WAY A KID LIKE ME CAN HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT

WHY ...? BUT YOUR FRIENDS SEEMED TO PRAISE YOU ...???

HAHA .. WHAT? NICE ... AND KIND-HEARTED AND TAKES CARE OF OTHERS ..??

WHAT A JOKE .. I ALREADY KNOW THAT THOSE WORDS, ,

ARE MERELY WAYS TO ENCOURAGE ME

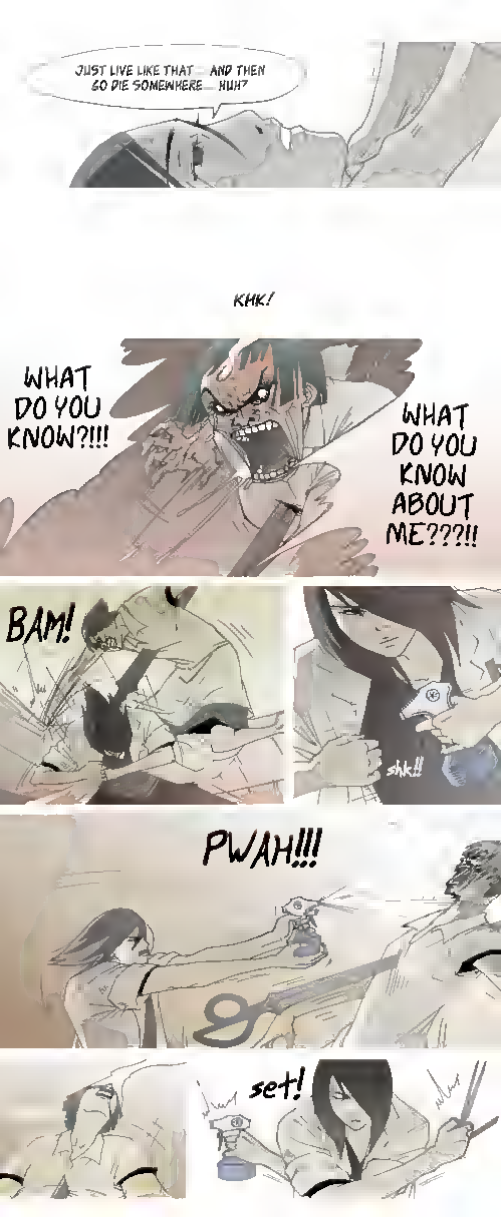
BECAUSE I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO BE PROUD ABOUT!!!!

... JUST PRETENDING ... I KNOW IT ALL ... HK

HAHA... THAT'S... RIGHT.... JUST PRETENDING.... TO A KID LIKE YOU WHO'S TOTALLY CROOKED WILL SEE EVERYTHING AS CROOKED

THEN LIVE YOUR ENTIRE LIFE TRAPPED BY THAT INCOMPLETE WALL....

THAT'S YOUR LIFE...


JUST LIVE LIKE THAT... AND THEN GO DIE SOMEWHERE... HUH?
KHK!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!!!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME???!!
BAM!
shk!!
PWAH!!!
set!

snip
snip

AFTER THAT STORMY EVENT...

THE BARBER BEGAN TO CUT HER HAIR...

EVERYONE WAS STRANGELY DEAD SILENT...

THAT NOTHING COULD BE HEARD

EXCEPT THE SOUNDS OF THE SCISSORS...

...THIS... THIS... IS ME???

IT'S MY MASTERPIECE

REPRESENTING YOUR INNER POSITIVE QUALITIES

THROUGH AN OTHER MEDIUM...

MY INNER POSITIVE QUALITIES ?

BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF LIKE THIS...

THAT'S WHY YOU GET REJECTED BY LOSERS LIKE THAT GUY

...FOR SOME TIME...

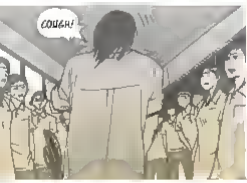
I THINK I'VE LIVED LIFE .

FORGETTING ABOUT THEM .

ONE BY ONE...

I HAD...

THEM TOO...

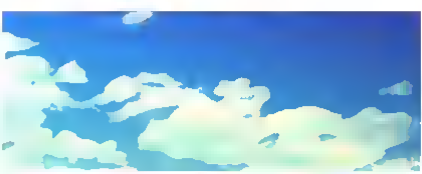


TOGETHER WITH THOSE GIANT SCISSORS AND THAT SUSPICIOUS CAT...

THAT PERSON ESCAPED THE HALLWAYS LIKE THAT

UNTIL THE BARBER HAD COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED

MY HEART DID NOT STOP BEATING



A FEW DAYS PASSED AFTER THAT INCIDENT

NOTHING CHANGED...

IT SEEMED LIKE SOME KIND OF
MAGICAL STUNT HAPPENED...

BUT EVERYBODY WENT BACK TO THEIR
EVERYDAY LIVES SO QUICKLY THAT

I WAS A BIT DISAPPOINTED...

...YOUNGRAN DIDN'T NOT BECOME PRETTIER,
NOR DID SHE EVER GET TOGETHER WITH THAT BOY...

... WITH THE SAME FACE AS BEFORE,
WITH THE SAME BEHAVIOR, WITH THE SAME WORDS...

BUT MAYBE IT WAS JUST ME.. ???

YOUNGRAN'S SMILING FACE THAT SOMEHOW SEEMED DOWN...

LATELY... IT SEEMED A BIT PRETTIER.

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